

# Wisconsin Civil Justice Council: Applauds Gov. Walker's commitment to tort reform legislation

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Madison – In his annual State of the State Address Wednesday, Gov. Scott Walker called on the Legislature to enact the pending tort reform legislation, Assembly Bill 773 (Reps. Born and Nygren) and Senate Bill 645 (Senators Tiffany and Craig).

Below is the excerpt from Gov. Walker's speech:

"I ask the members of the Legislature to pass our Small Business Plan to help even more employers grow across the state. The first step is reducing costs for small businesses. Lower taxes, streamlining regulations, and reducing frivolous lawsuits are all part of the plan. There is still more that can be done this session on ending unemployment fraud and on lawsuit reform. Let's get it done."

Bill G. Smith, President of Wisconsin Civil Justice Council, agrees with Gov. Walker and urges the Wisconsin Legislature to enact these meaningful reforms.

"These reforms address the high transactional cost of litigation by modernizing our rules of civil procedure, including discovery and class action," said Smith. "These and other reforms in the legislation promote efficiency and reduce costs while assuring Wisconsin's civil justice system

remains fair to all parties.”

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